

In the Name of God amen I Edmond Bowser of Currituck County in North Carolina Being very Sick and weak but in perfect mind and memory Thanks be given unto God Causing into mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my Last will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I Give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of the Almighty God Give it, and Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in some Christian Burial at the Direction of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as Touching such worldly Estate where with it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I Give and Dispose of the same in the following Manner and First I Give and bequeath to my Grand Son Mitchell Bowser Son of Joseph Bowser Dead, one hundred and forty five Acres of Land that I bought of William Goodman lying on the North Side of the said Land that I bought of William Goodman beginning at a Corner oak tree standing between the said Land and William northems land and thence westerly along Nicks Swamp Road the various Curves thence to the west line, thence Southwesterly along the west or dead line so far as a direct line that shall include one hundred and forty five acres of Land to him and his heirs forever, also I Give to him one hand mill forever to be left in the Care of my Executors until he shall come to a lawfull age

Item I Give and bequeath all the Remainder of the Land I bought of William Goodman to my two Grand Sons Joseph Bowser and Malicha Bowser sons of Malicha Bowser But Reserving the use of the said Land to my Son Malicha Bowser his life time, and his wife to have the use of one third part of the said Land, if in case he should leave her a widow, so long as she Remains his widow but if she should inter marry, then she is to have no manner of right to any part of the said Land, and after their father Death they are to have the foresaid Land and if they should Depart this life before they come to the age of one and twenty years and leave no heir of their own lawfully begotten or known Brothers nor sisters Lawfully begotten by their Father Malicha Bowser, to his said Land from them then in case one half of the said Land I Give to James Ethridge a child that was sown to my Son Malicha and the other half of the said Land I Give to my Sister son, Edmond Moncrose and his heirs forever Also give and bequeath to my two Grandsons Joseph Bowser and Malicha Bowser one negro Girl called Gode to be divided between forever

Item I Give and bequeath to my Grandson Edmon Bowser son of Mazarin<sup>r</sup> Bowser the plantation that I bought of Solomon Cox lying on the East Side of the same Road but first reserving the use of the said Land to my Son Mazarin<sup>r</sup> Bowser his life time and his wife if in case he should leave one long as she remains his widow and no longer to have any right in any part of the said Land after the Death of my son

Maunt. Bowen then for the forsaide Edmond Bowen to  
him and his heirs for ever  
Item I give and bequeath to my son Maunt. Bowen the  
Middle plantation During his lifetime and after his death to  
go to his next son if any if neither son to his son Edward Bowen  
soon known living and his heirs for ever but if in case he should  
and have another son hereafter born to him and his heirs  
forever I also give to my Grandson Edmond Bowen the hand  
Mill that did belong to my Grand Father to him for ever  
Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Fran-  
ces Bowen Daughter of my son Josiah Bowen one negro  
girl called Amy to her and her heirs forever and to be held  
by my Executors for the use of her  
Item I give and bequeath to my two Grandsons Joseph  
Bowen and Malacka Bowen one negro girl called Ty-  
to them and their heirs for ever  
Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Powers  
The use of a negro girl called Sarah and after her death  
she and her increase to her Daughter Francis Powers  
and her heirs for ever  
Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter  
Sarah the Daughter of my son Maunt. Bowen  
my mare called Pippin her Calf and two Cows and  
Calves and two Swine and Lambs her for ever  
Item I give the Remainder of my hand Cattle to my son Malacka  
Bowen for ever  
Item I give to my son Maunt. Bowen two hogs and Lambs for ever  
Item I leave the Remainder of my Sheep to be Equally Divided  
between My Children and Grand Children  
I leave my will and desire is that after my just debts are paid  
with what Money I have left in the house with the Remainder of my Estate  
that I have not given away in Legacies if any left to be divided between

My Children and Grandchildren. (45)

Item) Do Likewise constitute and Appoint Maunt. Bowen and  
Malacka Bowen Executors to this my Last Will and Testament, and do  
by Writably Resolve, Revoke, and disannul all and Every other form or  
Testament Wills, Legacies, bequeaths, by me in any ways before now made  
bequeathed Revoked and confirming this and no other to be my last will and  
Testament in which Wherof I have here unto set my hand and seal this  
fiftenth Day of may in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred  
and seventy eight

Sign'd Seal'd in presence of us  
Frederick Bush  
Lewis Cox

Edmond Bowen

Read and Examind this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of  
February 1778

J. W. Garrison